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The Lord said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? why are you so far from helping me, when I cry aloud and shout?"

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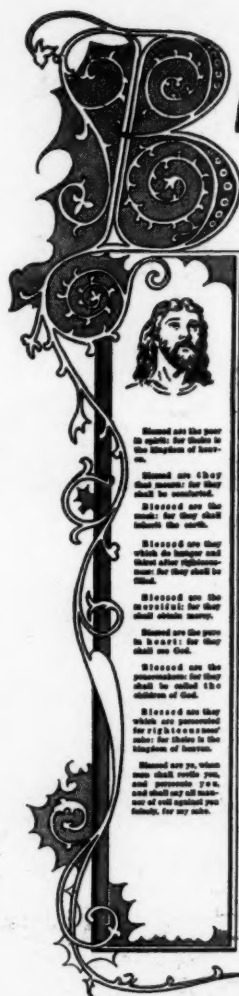
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Blessings from the Mount...

by Harry O. Kutz

"Blessed are they that mourn..."

IF WE WILL VIEW the Beatitudes as a progression of beautiful wreathings rather than a group of disjointed and independent sayings, I think we can better understand them and be able to draw more meaning from this treasure of the Lord. "They that mourn" are the ones, who, upon seeing their spiritual poverty, turn to the Father with deep and abiding disgust for themselves and a genuine pity for the lost world about them.

If men could only mourn the loss of God's smile upon them as much as they bemoan the loss of position, power, or possessions—mere trifles in the light of eternity—and seek the return of God's blessings with the same fervor they employ to restore the earthly treasures, surely they would find the comfort of God as promised in this saying of

Jesus! not the superficial longfacedness so characteristic of many religionists, but the true self-abasement that springs from the consciousness of the soul as he sees himself as God sees him. God waits for him who casts off his robes of selfness and in contriteness of heart and broken spirit comes humbly before Him who loves and imparts His graces to the human heart!

"They shall be comforted..." This word "comfort" used to have a more robust meaning and is more correctly defined as "strength." How blessed to come into the strength of the Lord! After the soul has been wrung in the grasp of bitter remorse and all of self is gone, we see ourselves as we really are—utterly worthless without God—then the sweet influences of the Holy Spirit come sweeping unto our lives, and we drink deeply at the fount of God, refreshing our spirits and basking before Him in all His power and holiness. There is no earthly fellowship like this! Whatever the natural talents or abilities, we may possess, are enhanced and made useful in the kingdom of God only after they are sweetened by the power of the Spirit of the Lord in the process of mourning and being comforted.

ISRAEL'S PREDICAMENT

BY MRS. ADA H. CLERK

JUDAISM'S BASIC belief is Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." Now since the orthodox Jew has only the Old Testament for his plan of salvation, it is hard for them to believe the New Testament, which they think is only for Gentiles, whom they say worship three Gods, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This Deuteronomy 6:4 is, of course, proof to them that there is only one God for Israel.

Heathen nations have many gods. To have more than one God is still a sign of heathenism. Israel was the only nation having the basic belief of all Jews. But this one God of Israel had a Son, so say the Old Testament scriptures. Isaiah 9:6 states, "For unto us (Israel) a child is born, unto us (Israel) a son is given . . . his name shall be called . . . The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 7:14 reads, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you (Israel) a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Still now in the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 18:18, 19 states, "I (the one God of Israel) will raise them (Israel) up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee (Moses), and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them (Israel) all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass that whosoever (of Israel) will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I (the one God of Israel) will require it of him (an Israelite)."

These are definite statements contained in the Old Testament. The Son of the one God of Israel was also a Jew. To all Jews who believe in Him, not in Gentile Christianity (as some call it), but in HIM, the Son of the one God of Israel, this is a blessed and most precious realization and a continual source of spiritual uplift that no earthly relationship can surpass. For the Son (of Israel's one God) to call members of Israel "my brethren" is an inspiring experience to realize. It brings an Israelite into such close contact with the one God of Israel.

NOW WHAT is the reason for Israel's past and present predicaments? This Son (of Israel's one God) being an Israelite, came unto His own people, Israel, but they received Him not, accepted Him not, and did not hearken unto the words which He spake in the name of the one God of Israel, thus breaking and rejecting God's command to hear His Son, and bringing upon

themselves the judgment of God as expressed in Deuteronomy 18:18, 19, "I will require it of him." That is the central, the crucial, the pivotal cause of Israel's predicaments down through the centuries and down to today.

Israel's God said to Israel of His Son, "Him ye shall hear and unto him ye shall hearken." But the Jew for centuries has refused to hear Him as directed by the one God of Israel to do. Now why did Israel's God instruct His people to hear and heed and hearken to His Son? There must be a reason. We will state it. While Deuteronomy 6:4 is a basic belief of the Jews, there is not a scripture in the Old Testament proving that believing in Deuteronomy 6:4, or even alone in the one God of Israel, gives an Israelite salvation or takes away his sins. A Jew can believe in the one God of Israel, and that He is the Lord, but this does not give him salvation, forgiveness of sins, nor spiritual peace of mind regarding his standing in the sight of the God of Israel. How can a Jew have favor with God? Here is the answer. The one God of Israel appointed that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Leviticus 17:11; Exodus 24:8; 12:13; 30:10 all bear out the fact that shed blood makes an atonement for the soul. As the God of Israel is spirit, and as spirit does not have blood, and as only flesh has blood, the God of Israel appointed that His Son was made flesh here on the earth and should, in His coming in the flesh, be the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of His people, Israel. Therefore, hearing, believing, and accepting His Son and His shed blood for the remission of their sins, they have salvation and favor with the God of Israel.

The Old Testament states that sin separates from God, and the removal of sins (by shed blood) restores one to God's favor, and he has no sins charged against him or separating him from God. This is the one God of Israel's plan, and there is no other.

ACTS 2:36 STATES, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." St. John 1:1-5 says, "In the beginning was the Word (Son of the one God of Israel), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." Verse 14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

To whom was God speaking in Genesis 1:26 when He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"?

Jews should not be ashamed or afraid to own the Son of their one God. He said to them (Israel), John 14:1-4, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Jews fear to confess Christ because of the persecutions from their people, but the Son of Israel's one God said, John 15:20, "...If they (Israel) have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."—Condensed from AMERICAN SOUL CLINIC by Mrs. Walter Daughdrill.

Two Builders,

Matthew 7:24-29.

JESUS IS CONCLUDING the greatest sermon mortal man has ever heard. It begins in chapter 5, verse 2, "And he (Jesus) opened his mouth, and taught them, saying . . ." As He proceeded with His message He gave to His listeners the nine Beatitudes. Then, using these for His text, He spoke a message filled with love and simplicity, for Jesus always spoke to men's hearts and not their heads.

The Sermon on the Mount deals with practical living. Jesus contrasted the good with the bad. He revealed that there are two gates man can enter—the strait and narrow gate that leads to life eternal and the broad way that terminates in eternal damnation. Man has the power to make the decision regarding which of the two ways he will travel. At the conclusion of this message, in which He dealt with every need of man, Christ gives this simple, striking illustration that involves two builders, two houses, and two foundations.

The two builders were equally impressed with the need of a house, for a house is the common need of every man throughout the world. There are some tribes and clans that do not have hospitals, libraries, or schools, but wherever man travels and sees men living he will find the house the common need of man. It may be constructed of brick, stone, skins, bamboo poles, or grass from the field, but regardless of the material, man must universally have a house. The house as used by Jesus is suggestive of salvation because salvation is the need of every man everywhere. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

When we think of a house we think of a home, and home is a symbol of many precious and beautiful things. First of all, home is a place of shelter. When the wintry blast is all about, and old man winter has hung his icicles on every dwelling; when he has covered the earth with a blanket of white and has painted every window with a hoary frost, home is, indeed, a habitation of comfort. When the rains are falling and fiery lightning cuts jagged paths across the darkened heavens, home to all of us is a haven of shelter. When society fails to understand, and we are the object of the sharp tongue of criticism, if we can just make it home, there is where we will enjoy a place of comfort. Salvation is a place of shelter from the storm of life and from the impending destruction that is awaiting on every hand. These two men were building a house because they needed a place of shelter.

When we think of a house we think of a home, and home to man is a place of rest. A time and place to rest is in most every mature mind. The worker in the mill or field, the banker or merchant is watching the hands on the clock, for they all know the hour will come when they can go home and rest. It is with delight we look forward to a vacation. Magazines and papers print their appealing ads calling us to the refreshing mountain air or to the pleasant salty breezes of the ocean. With joy and great anticipation we begin our trip, but upon returning we feel as though a few days' rest at home is still our need. Yes, there is no rest like the rest we receive at home. In an old easy chair in the living room,

reclining in our shirt sleeves, perhaps with our stocking feet upon the ottoman, we breathe a deep sigh of relief. Go anywhere, seek and travel, but there is no rest like rest at home.

MAN CAN FIND NOWHERE rest for his soul like he will find in God's glorious house of salvation. Jesus spoke in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that

Two Foundations,

labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"—rest for the soul and spirit in a world of turmoil, rest from the fears and anxieties that prey upon the minds of men. This rest cannot be found in the wisdom of man, because the psychiatrist's cot is no substitute for the mourner's bench. The human family is deluded in believing that confessing to man is the answer. We must confess to Christ, and then He will give us rest.

When we think of a house we think of a home, and home is a place to eat. The commercial world knows there is magnetism in that phrase "GOOD HOME COOKING." How often we are misled by this type advertising, and, upon stopping, we are served loaf bread from the bakery, beans from the can, and desserts from the deep-freeze. Even if it were home cooked, everyone knows that nobody can bake biscuits like Mother; nobody can fry ham and boil potatoes like Mother. There is no eating that will satisfy like good home cooking, and there is nothing in the world that will satisfy like that which God has prepared for us. Man may feast at the banquet tables of this world. He may drink the wine and champagne of worldly pleasure, but after he has partaken of all that the world can offer, he will still be hungry and to him something will still be lacking. There is nothing in this world that will satisfy like God. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

When we think of a house we think of a home, and home is a place of fellowship. In the home we enjoy fellowship, not because of what we have done, but because of what we are. In the world our prestige and our accomplishments govern our fellowship, but not so at home. In the home the ditch digger or the garbage collector can enjoy sweet fellowship as much so as the banker or the lawyer. In God's house He has a family all related because of the blood of His own Son, and nowhere in life will man find the deep, sincere fellowship he can find in God's house. Think of this, the twice-born of all ages and places united because we are all in one family and in our Father's house!

These two are alike in that both saw their need and both resolved to do something about it. If a man wants salvation there is a part that he must do. The Philipian jailor seemed to have the proper insight, for he inquired of Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" God has gloriously accomplished His part, and now it is up to the individual.

JESUS DECLARES that the first builder was a wise man, and that he built his house on the rock. Just how deep he had to dig and how much of the world he

had to remove before striking the rock we do not know. Jesus only stated that he built on the rock. This informs us that there is a rock somewhere, if only we will remove enough of those things that are between us and the rock. To find the solid rock requires work and determination, but the joy of building on that rock brings to the builder great satisfaction.

The story is told of the construction crew that was digging to sink the huge pillars which would support a large bridge. The drill struck rock, and quickly the operator called to the chief engineer and told him the news, whereupon the engineer instructed the driller to send up a sample of the stone. He examined the sample and gave orders to dig on, as they had struck only soapstone. Immediately the huge drills went deeper and deeper and again struck stone. With this the driller again sent up a sample, but the message was relayed back, "Keep digging,

Two Houses

you have struck only limestone." Finally, the drill was stopped again, and the chief asked for a sample. He waited at length, but the sample was not sent up, whereupon he called the operator and asked impatiently for the piece of rock so that it might be analyzed. The operator replied, "We cannot send up a sample because we are unable to break the rock." From above the engineer called, "Pull the drills and come up, for you have hit the rock."

We can know of a certainty when we have found the rock, because the rock is steadfast and dependable in every circumstance. There are two conclusive evidences in the lives of those who are building on the rock. First, there is an inwrought experience of divine truth that has produced peace. Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The second evidence is holiness. Romans 6:2, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." If these two fruits are not in one's life, let him take heed unto himself, for he is not building on the ROCK.

The wise man's house was tested first. God has explicitly declared that judgment begins at the house of God. This trial was threefold, for the rains came from heaven and beat on the roof, while the floods came from the world and dashed against the foundations, and the winds were howling in a mysterious way and trying the entire structure. If this house was or was not beautiful is not the predominating thought; neither is the way it was decorated; nor is the kind of conveniences it had the outstanding feature. The important truth is, the house stood when it was most needed. How glorious to have ONE who will not fail when we need Him. For Israel He pushed back the Red Sea, sent down manna from heaven, and caused water to gush from the flinty stone. Elijah, in the wilderness, was fed by Him, and the waiters were dressed in black (the ravens fed him his meals). To the famine-stricken widow, He was always the hand-ful of meal. To the three Hebrew children, he was a cooling heavenly zephyr in the roaring inferno. All those

who are on the rock need have no fear, for, as David declares, "The Lord sitteth upon the flood, yea, the Lord sitteth king forever." The Lord who walked upon the waves of Galilee is complete Master of the flood and will not forsake us.

THE SECOND MAN erected his house, but instead of taking time to dig to the rock, he built upon the sand. Because of this Jesus informs us he was a foolish man. It is quite likely that the cost and time of laying the foundation was quicker and less expensive. A house is of no more value than the foundation it rests upon. Let us always remember that our salvation is worth no more than the price we have paid.

The second house was lashed by the flood, beaten by the winds, and tried by the rains, and, because of the weakness of the foundation, the house collapsed. The cause of this weakness can be directly laid to the carelessness of the builder. The storm was terrific, and great was the fall of that house.

There are two striking facts about this house and the time in which it fell. First, it fell when the dweller needed it most. If this had been only a light shower, perhaps the man could have found shelter under a tree, or if it had fallen when the sun was shining, it would have been a different story, but neither of these was the case. The storm was raging, and if ever there was a time its pro-

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tection was needed it was then. Second, the house fell when it was too late to build back; the storm was upon him. There is such a thing as waiting too late.

The poor sinner man was dying, and it was a heart-broken family that was standing by his bedside. We watched that final struggle between life and death. The man would groan, curse, and blaspheme. His pain must have been so intense, because he would bite his lips and in agony chew his tongue. In desperation the family begged the minister to please do something. But what a tragedy! It was too late. Death was there. The Spirit of God had departed. The house was falling, and it was too late to build back.

In the study of homiletics the student is taught that the opening remarks and the closing statement will be remembered the longest. Hear the words of Jesus as He begins this immortal message with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He concludes with "and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

In conclusion, may we have learned from this message what the rich man failed to learn until after he had departed this life. In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and, no doubt, he thought of his earthly life, where wealth, servants, and pleasure were at his command. Now he was made to realize that man could have everything in this life and have nothing in eternity. He looked away and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, and probably he thought of when he had last seen Lazarus—he was a beggar and had nothing. But here in eternity he had everything. May God help us to build on the ROCK, Christ Jesus, so that the riches of eternity will be ours.

I ASKED DOT if she would like to be a Christian like her parents were. She answered, "I'd like to be a Christian like my mother is."

We read into this statement a lack of respect on the part of Dot for her father. A **PERSONAL INVESTIGATION**, on his part, would, no doubt, have served as a **STIMULUS TO BETTER LIVING**, and his daughter Dot would have believed in him.

2 Corinthians 13:5 gives us much food for thought: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobates?"

The hired man, on Saturday night, went to town and, during the course of his stay, asked the hotel clerk if he could use the phone to call his boss on the farm. The clerk consented, and the hired hand called. This is what he said: "Hello, would you like a hired man? The one you have has been with you a long time and would you not like a change? I am a good worker. I can milk ten cows per hour and unload a fifty-bushel tank of wheat in five minutes. You better hire me, don't you think?"

The answer was a flat "No!"

The hotel clerk was amazed and asked, "Are you crazy?"

"No," said the hired hand, "I was just checking up on myself. The boss is satisfied with me."

"**EXAMINE YOURSELVES**," says the apostle Paul, to see if the Boss is satisfied with you.

A REPROBATE

If one's profession does not ring true to possession, and we talk one thing and do another, the only classification we have is embodies in the word "**REPROBATE**."

The deceitfulness of sin veneered with white-washed philosophy is too thin to keep the corruption from eventually showing. To be given over to **SIN**, condemned by the Word of God, and to be debased by corrupt practice spells the word "**REPROBATE**."

INVENTORY BY INVESTIGATION

Did you ever move from one place to another? If so, you found you had a lot more junk to cart around than you thought for. Sometimes when we make a move closer to God we find we have a lot of extras that are a detriment, and with them we have been weighted down.

Every good storekeeper checks, by investigation, his inventory or stock on hand. He finds out when another order is to be placed, and he knows where to get it. It is, therefore, necessary for a Christian to take inventory in spiritual matters often in order to determine his relation to God and man.

CONSECRATION EXAMINED

Romans 12:1. Here the brethren are beseeched by the sainted apostle that their **BODIES** are a living sacrifice unto God, holy and acceptable, which is only a reasonable service.

Our bodies, the temples of the Holy Ghost, if presented unto God in faith and obedience, will be accepted, and God will use them to glorify Him.

The body of the pugilist is beaten and bruised to a bloody pulp, but God is not glorified. Within the pugilist is the wrong spirit, which drives him for earthly fame and applause. To get this applause, his body must be dedicated to a beating and a bruising. God's people dedicate theirs to fill the pew, the pulpit, the altar, the sick room, the bedside of the dying, and church attendance in the rain and the snow. The true child of God

gives himself and body as a living sacrifice for God. The carpenter, when sawing the lumber, driving the nails, erecting the building, says, "God, I am doing this for you; I am yours, and, when payday comes, you shall have the tithes. We are doing this together." So says the mason and the bricklayer. Yes, the man in the mine gets so filled with the Spirit, if he is in God, that every time he swings the pick he feels as if he is anointed to do it. And, because he is dedicated to God, God will get His share, and in turn souls will be saved and blessed. The miner, carpenter, mason, or bricklayer knows there is another payday coming, when the saints go marching in. Remember when the Temple of Solomon was built, the workmen were anointed to work? "**WHATSOEVER THY HAND FINDETH TO DO, DO IT WITH ALL THY MIGHT**." What are we doing for God?

WHAT IS OUR CONDUCT LIKE?

DO WE HAVE a meek and a quiet spirit in our home life? Do our loved ones have confidence in us? What about the paper boy, the grocerman, the milk man,

A personal investigation serves as

Stimulus to

and the many others we perchance may meet and to whom our light for God should shine?

In Saint John 11:1-3 there is a great lesson, and these words are always a blessing to me: "Lord, behold he whom thou lovest is sick." This kind of fellowship is the answer to the blessedness of every Christian home in America and in the world. This blessedness in the home makes the church a powerhouse for God, a filling station for the soul, and a feed trough for the hungry. Surely, the horse that carried me all day on his back was faithful, and I was faithful to pour the feed in the trough to him. Say, how faithful can God be to us if we are faithful to Him? May our conduct as Christians always be conducive to holiness.

OUR SOCIAL LIFE

After having a great revival in a Western city, one of the converts came to me and said, "I lost my sanctify." She was a German girl and had not been in this country long, so she spoke with a distinct brogue. I inquired as to how, and she said, "Well, I went to the Saturday night dance and lost my sanctify." Whether or not she was tricked into this, I do not know, but I do know that generally one loses his **SANCTIFY** before he goes to the dance, or he would not have gone.

In our social life, "evil communications corrupt good manners." Allow certain types of company for your children, and you'll have that kind of circumstances to contend with in your home. The member who furnishes the money for the child to go to the show is furnishing seeds

of death and hell, and planting them in a tender heart to reap the horrors of the lake of fire.

Our society and companionship should be genuine. Deceit is distracting.

Professed hospitality without practice is reproachful to Christian ethics.

Some politicians, for prestige, would slap every back and kiss every baby for votes, only to be elected to betray the confidence placed in them.

The wise man said, "If you would have friends, you must show yourself friendly."

Our social life reaches for good will toward even our enemies.

"If thy enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink."

OUR PUBLIC LIFE

Thoughtlessness sometimes proves fatal to good influence. In a foreign country we were in a meeting, and some of our brethren were there. Their urge for sight-seeing was so strong that they generally managed to

Better Living

BY PAUL H. WALKER, Executive Missions Secretary

come late to the meetings, if at all. The house was packed, standing room a premium, but about midway the service they would come stringing in, crowding their way through. It was hard for the native to harmonize this with their profession in Jesus Christ. "First things must be first." To them the disturbance was a desecration. No actual harm was meant, but the question still remained. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil."

It was said of Peter Cartwright that he attended a dance. The dance was held at a tavern where Brother Cartwright was forced to stay. He sat alone in a corner, and, as the music (such as it was) started and the dance continued, a young lady saw this rather dejected preacher sitting alone and asked him if he would like to dance a set. He said, "Yes, Mam!" He took the girl by the hand, walked out in the center of the floor, raised his hand, and said in a loud voice, "STOP THE MUSIC!" The music stopped, and Cartwright continued, "I ALWAYS PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING I DO BEFORE I DO IT, SO LET'S PRAY." On his knees he went. The girl tried to get away but failed; he held to her. He prayed and prayed until people began to weep, and a revival broke out. Many were swept into the kingdom of God. Never go to a place in public or otherwise that you cannot take the Lord with you or where you cannot testify of Him.

EXAMINE OUR INFLUENCE

Forming the habit of careful living will save us from many snares.

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A correct intellectual faith with a wrong attitude is damning and dangerous.

Some may have forgotten more religious philosophy than some people know, yet to shake hands with them reminds one of holding a fish's tail or a dishrag. One said they reminded him of a person who had swallowed nine gallons of starch, plus a three-inch crowbar. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Say, that sort o' fits the fellow who doesn't care if he tears the other fellow's church up or not, doesn't it? And the members run here and there and everywhere seeking something and finding nothing.

The farmer wondered about his hogs. They were losing all their fat. He added more feed, and every time he came to feed them he would pound on the top rail of the pen, "Peck, peck, peck," and the hogs would come running. Here's what happened. The hog pasture had become infested with woodpeckers, and first on one side of the pasture the hogs would hear the rattle of the woodpeckers' bills and run to it, then on the other side another rattle, and they would run there, and back and forth they went, until they had about run themselves to death. The farmer was stumped. Regardless of how much he tried to feed them, they still looked poor. Say, eating at home is not too bad, after all! Try it once. Remember the text and let's not be reprobates.



The good Lord understood us when He taught us how to smile.

He knew we wouldn't stand it to be solemn all the while.

He knew He'd have to shape us so that when our hearts were gay,

We could let our neighbors know it in a quick and easy way.

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The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.
—Thomas Babington Macaulay.

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Every moment of this strange and lovely life, from dawn to dusk, is a miracle. Somewhere, always, a rose is opening its petals to the dawn. Somewhere, always, a flower is fading in the dusk. The incense that rises with the sun, and the scents that die in the dark, are all gathered, sooner or later, into the solitary fragrance that is God. Faintly, elusively, that fragrance lingers over all of us.

—Beverly Nichols.

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THE WORK of the ministry is a design of God. It has pleased the Almighty to utilize human instrumentality in the distribution of knowledge and understanding for His people. Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." God holds in reservation the exclusive right to call His own ambassadors. Therefore, when God calls a person, He gives the individual personal knowledge of the fact that he is to proclaim the wondrous story.

God has never authorized the Church to select His preachers. This power He reserves for Himself. Nevertheless, after a man is called of God, it is then the duty of the Church to recognize the call. This, however, should not be construed that God works independently of the Church, for this would be untrue. It just means that Christ is the Head of the Church. Then the Son and the Father are in complete harmony on the operational policies of the Church.

Some seem to hold to the idea that if a man is a good man and can make a worth-while speech, he ought to be in the ministry. A man might be a good farmer, a good machinist, or a railroad engineer, and still not be a preacher. While, at the same time, men who serve in such capacities are making significant contributions for the betterment of mankind. But when it comes to preaching, a man who is not called of God, by all means, he should stay out of the ministry.

GOD'S MINISTERS SERVE A PURPOSE

Jehovah never summons a man without a purpose. He never sends a man out without a good purpose. Then, after he goes out, God will keep him engaged in a worth-while project if he is obedient.

Romans 10:14, 15, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Here are four pointed questions relative to the work of the ministry.

The preaching of the Word of God is no insignificant position to fill. The proclaiming of the precepts of the Bible serves a most needful purpose. Woodrow Wilson said, "When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the Word of God because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty." Then Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." A servant of God conveys truth. Truth is powerful. Truth is so potent that it can break asunder the bonds of deception and deliver a prisoner from the shackles of sin.

I heard of one man saying, "I think I'll quit work and go to preaching." This poor man had a distorted conception of the work of the ministry. It may be that some lazy men have drifted into the ministry, but when they drift up against many of the problems of the ministry, they then have good reasons for drifting back out. God calls no man to go on a hallelujah vacation. No, God calls men to labor in His vineyard. His workers serve with a purpose.

A CHARGE TO DISCHARGE

The main purpose for a preacher being called into the ministry is to preach. God desires the whole world to know about the vicarious death of His Son at Calvary, because Christ is a universal solution for the universal sins. Therefore, human beings are employed as vehicles to transmit "the greatest story ever told." It is only by

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preaching that a man can discharge his preaching obligations to God. St. Paul considered preaching a serious duty. He delivered the preaching charge to young Timothy.

2 Timothy 4:1, 2, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Timothy was charged before God to preach the Word. In the name of my God, what can men preach who reject the Bible?

No preacher should try to "stir up a shout" just to avoid preaching. Preach on, preacher; God will take care of the shout and send the showers of blessings. Was not St. Peter preaching in Cornelius' house when the power fell? Acts 10:44, "While Peter yet SPAKE these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." Actually, Peter's sermon was interrupted by a Holy Ghost shower. You know, this is a beautiful example of a God-called man and the heaven-sent Holy Ghost cooperating to accomplish a definite purpose.

Notice that after the Holy Ghost had wrought His work, Peter took right up and said, "Can any man forbid WATER, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" I would have you take note of two important features in this one service. First, Peter was not nonplused by the operation of the Holy Ghost. Now just what do you suppose would happen if the Holy Ghost should fall in some churches while the pastor was delivering his morning dissertation? Second, Peter introduced the need for a WATER BAPTISMAL SERVICE. He wanted to get them all in the water as soon as possible. Preacher, what do you do with your converts relative to water baptism?

A FAITHFUL MINISTRY

The great commission of the Son of God was a program of action. Jesus did not advise His disciples to wait until the "iron was hot," but rather to strike and make it hot. They were not to wait for favorable winds to blow; thank God, they were to buck ill winds and drive out the devils. Jesus got up from the grave and issued this command to His rejoicing disciples: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The zeal of the Lord came upon them as they moved in obedience to the voice of Jesus.

The risen Christ concerned Himself with the development and the advancement of His Church. Therefore, He sent out humble men under appointment to be His earthly representatives. These men were fired with a passion to tell about Jesus. They had a burning story that must be told. Preaching to them was not just a Sunday engagement. No, it was a daily thrilling experience. Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." These men were busy, and they preached about Jesus the Son of God. They preached with power. Why then must some preachers labor hard all week to build up enough spiritual

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BY MANUEL F. CAMPBELL, Overseer, Montana and Wyoming

energy to produce a flicker on Sunday morning? Could it be that we depend more on self than on the Holy Ghost?

I make this personal admission to the glory of God. It was at my first pastorate that God taught me a valuable lesson. Preparing a sermon was no easy task for me. So, instead of making personal preparation to deliver a message, I would preach any preacher who came along—men, of course, who were in good standing with the Church. It seemed to be much easier to sit on the rostrum and say “amen” occasionally than it was to stand in the pulpit and deliver the message. But God convicted me of neglecting to assume my full responsibility as the pastor. This experience made me tremble for I was fearful that God might withdraw His anointing.

Please do not understand me to mean that it is wrong to invite a brother minister to share your pulpit, because I don't mean that. I just simply mean that God knows when we are deliberately seeking to evade personal obligations. The more by faith we adhere to the will of God, the greater will be the harvest of souls and the enrichment of our ministry.

On April 14, 1952, Pope Pius directed the following words to the priests: “Let the priests preach from the pulpit, in the streets and squares, wherever there is a soul to be saved.” This is a move to activate the priests of the Roman Catholic Church. What then? I say it is a time for Pentecostal preachers to be sure the Holy Ghost controls, and then “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

A STUDIOUS MINISTRY

It is a fact that no certain prescribed scholastic attainment is a prerequisite in being selected as a messenger of the Messiah. This, nevertheless, should not and does not excuse a man from earnestly striving for self-improvement.

The preacher's spoken word reveals the meditations of his heart. A mouth will pour forth frivolous things if the mind is fed on frivolity. By reading the Bible it becomes apparent that the Almighty is not interested in sending out a clown to bear His message. No, God wants a sane, sensible, solid, Spirit-filled individual to represent the cross.

David prayed, as recorded in Psalm 19:14, “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.” David prayed for purity of meditation as well as purity of the spoken word. The more a person will fill his mind with the goodness of the Lord, the less room there will be for Satan.

Did you know that the picture gallery of the mind cannot be filled with obscene things and be pleasing to God? A man of righteousness will align himself with God against all sinfulness. A picture of a godly person is portrayed in Psalm 1:2, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” The greatest Christian earthly goal is the living of a consistent godly life in conformity with the Bible.

While it is true that “much study is a weariness of the flesh,” yet it is also true that the minister is to consume much time in the perusal of the pages of the Bible to know of the will of Christ for the Church. This is one Biblical reason why God instituted the tithing system. He wanted His ministers to have time to study and care for His people. Therefore, studying and preaching should never be divorced from the life of a minister. 1 Corinthians 9:14, “Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” Christ made provisions not to house drones, but rather to support active ministers to feed His Church.

It is the duty of the laity to pay tithes to provide for the preacher so that the preacher may devote his full time to studying and preaching the Word of God. Any minister who consistently neglects to study to preach for the purpose of feeding God's people should most certainly go easy on demanding a strict adherence to the tithing system. If a pastor permits diversions to rob him of the time for preparation to administer to his people, you can say that that man is disobedient to God and unfaithful to his charge. Then, it is a good thing to remember that hungry sheep are prone to wander.

The instructive words given by St. Paul to Timothy are also binding on the Christian ministry of this age. 2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Christ needs an informed ministry. Christ needs an alert ministry. Christ needs a faithful ministry.

I noticed in a magazine recently something about a Hollywood theatrical production. For just one part, they took two months for rehearsal of three days before the camera. And this part was only five minutes on the screen. Is it true that the children of this world are more diligent in the production of fiction than the children of God are in the presentation of immortal truth?

A minister is to study for the purpose of being approved before God. If a man will study his Bible to please God, he will then be able to preach to feed the children of God. When a pastor has spent much time in prayer and meditation on the Word, you can rest assured, he will have spiritual food to distribute to his congregation on Sunday morning. A good spiritual meal on Sunday morning will bolster weak members and help to build a church up in the “most holy faith.”

A DUMB-DOG MINISTRY

God has called men to bark out at sin. He has not empowered the preacher to negotiate with Satan or any of his agents for a compromise on the sin problem. Christ has anointed men to fight devils, not agree with them. He sent men to cast out devils and to preach deliverance from sin by faith in the blood of Jesus.

Isaiah was a strong man among weak preachers of his day. The ministerial apathy of that age was a dismal situation. He gives a shocking report in Isaiah 56:10, “His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all

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"Receive Not the Grace of God in Vain"

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PERHAPS THE FIRST thought that will come to your mind while reading the above scripture is swearing by God's name or cursing through His name, but may I point out to you that there are other ways even more serious by which we can break the above commandment, other than by those mentioned.

We, as Holy-Ghost-filled people, must come to this realization, "Ye shall know a tree by its fruit." Therefore, if we profess holiness, we must dress and otherwise conduct ourselves as becometh holiness; we must also speak in holy conversation, else we shall be taking the Lord's name in vain.

If we call ourselves Christians through faith in Jesus Christ, when our actions and speech betray us as being un-Christ-like, we are taking God's name in vain.

In Christ we must have a clean, pure heart, not cluttered up with unholy thoughts that congregate and take lodging within us, "for as a man thinketh, so is he." Jesus said in Matthew 12:34, "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

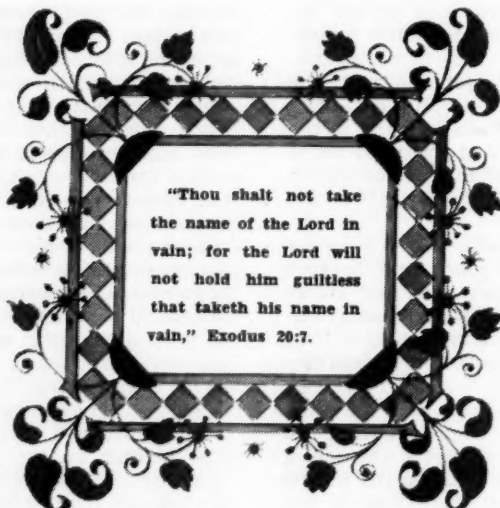
Needless to say that sinners and non-Holy-Ghost-baptized believers watch our lives closer than they do anyone because we claim to have more.

If I say I have the Spirit of God dwelling within me, and if this be true, then my actions and my speech will bear me out that my profession is true, lest I be found to be a liar, for "the Spirit of God will not dwell in an unclean temple."

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

If we be sealed with the Spirit of God, He must be allowed to rule our thoughts and actions, otherwise He will cease to manifest Himself in our lives.

You, no doubt, have many times overheard people professing holiness, talking to others in such a way as to grieve the Holy Ghost within your own breast. How sad is such a situation! These things ought not to be. Let us



beware lest our own consciences become seared until God's Spirit no longer witnesses that we are the children of God. Amen.

Neither should we jest about God's holy working and manifestations of the Spirit. If we do these things, we are taking His name in vain.

Recently, someone was heard to jestingly remark to one of our Christian young ladies that the stole she was wearing was lovely but that he feared she could not shout very well with it on.

She answered him in the same light vein by saying, "Oh, if I feel a shout coming on, I will remove it."

Do we need to be told that this sort of frivolous talk is displeasing to God? His Word

says, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment."

Also in Ephesians 5:4 we read, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which is not convenient, but rather giving of thanks..."

God does not intend for us to go around with a long face, but we are to have our joy and rejoicing in the Holy Ghost. We have a greater reason to be happy and smiling than do any other people upon the face of the earth, but this joy must come from wholesome, holy joy and gladness. There is not a sound more beautiful than holy laughter. Oh, hallelujah!

Let us remember that if we name the name of Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and our behaviour is contrary to His teaching, we are taking His name in vain.

Therefore, "We then as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Let every dawn of the morning be to you as the beginning of life. And let every setting of the sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others; some good strength or knowledge gained for yourself.—John Ruskin.

The desires and longings of man are vast as eternity, and they point him to it.—Tryon Edwards.

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

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DUMB DOGS, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." This was a ministerial tragedy. A spiritual deterioration is always the inevitable result when preachers sleep among gross iniquities. On the other hand, a brave minister is of inestimable worth to his generation.

Preachers are not sent out to paddle around on placid streams of life while the rest of the world is being swept to hell in a whirlpool by Satan. By proclamation of God, preachers are social disturbers. By nature, sinners wish to be left in the quagmire of sin undisturbed. Ministers, however, are to awaken sinful souls to the destructiveness of sin. A man of God denies all that he should stand for when he condones sin and refuses to rebuke unrighteousness. It is most imperative that the servant of God lift up his voice in the denunciation of the works of the flesh. To refrain from speaking against sin means to play the role of a dumb-dog minister. Why be a dumb-dog minister when it is possible to be a flame of fire for God?

A BURNING MINISTRY

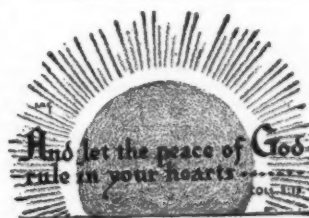
A sweeping spiritual conflagration can be produced by a burning ministry. Psalm 104:4, "Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire." A preacher who is not a flame of fire for God must be a smoke for Satan. Ever since the fire of God has been burning in the souls of men, devils have been busy with fire extinguishers to snuff out the Christian flames. Devils know that the works of unrighteousness thrive in spiritual darkness. Satan is jubilant when he is successful in striking down a Christian leader. He wrought havoc for Israel when he dimmed the spiritual light of Saul.

Fire will produce action. If a minister ceases to be a flame for God, he then becomes a problem to the Church. If a man is unwilling to burn for God, he will do little good for God's Church. Nothing can chill the soul more than a cold preacher and a frozen congregation.

It is pathetic how desperately some church leaders labor to fan an artificial flame in the attempt to warm a congregation. They may want a little flicker, but they are afraid a flame might get out of control. Let the spiritual fire burn, and heaven will rejoice. Then the goose pimples will be replaced by a mighty spiritual fervor that will warm and move any Church for God. Our constant prayer should be,

*"Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine."*

It is no secret that Christ earnestly desires to baptize with the "Holy Ghost and with fire" all of His ministers, as well as the laity. More fire in the pulpits will mean more fire in the pews. For more fire, O God, we pray. Amen.



Be yourself. Ape no greatness. Be willing to pass for what you are. A good farthing is better than a bad sovereign. Affect no oddness; but dare to be right, though you have to be singular. —S. Coley.

Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul, and a beautiful soul makes a beautiful face.—Anonymous.

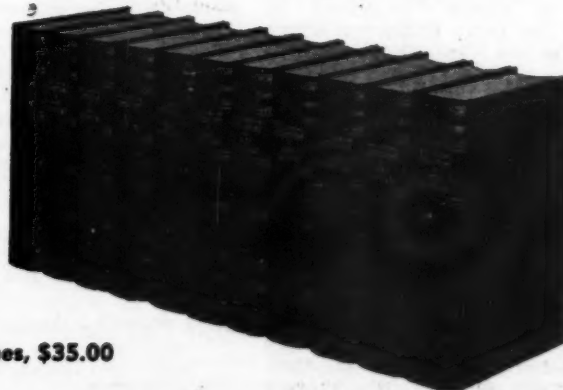
Heaven but tries our virtue by affliction, and oft the cloud that wraps the present hour serves but to brighten all our future days.—J. Brown.

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REPORTS

COLORADO PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Colorado prayer conference convened in Colorado Springs at the Church of God, 2101 E. Williamette Avenue, April 27, 28. It was a glorious time for the ministers of Colorado, as well as for the laity who were present. Rev. A. G. Thompson, overseer of Colorado, was in charge. Rev. J. C. Jernigan, Assistant General Overseer, was the principal speaker and brought stirring messages at both night services. Rev. Jernigan remarked that the singing was like Southern singing.

Rev. John Thompson brought a stirring message on "Love" to open the prayer conference. Rev. A. G. Thompson preached a challenging message to his ministers of Colorado. Other sermons were preached by Rev. James Dalton and Evangelist Dorothy Wallace.

The prayer conference was well attended. Everyone seemed to get a good blessing. The reports indicate that the Church of God is making progress in Colorado. All left the prayer conference with a greater determination to do more for God. We are still rejoicing over the blessings received from these two days of wonderful services.—Mrs. Ruth Dalton, reporter.

MISSISSIPPI DELTA'S DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Delta District convention convened at the Mt. Zion Church of God, near Indianola, Miss., May 8-10. During the Sunday morning service God moved upon the hearts of individuals, and they responded to His call. The floor offering of \$381.73, plus special offerings from the churches on the district, of \$897.79, amounted to \$1,279.52. The Delta District is trying to help put the program over and do its part in sending the gospel to the heathen.—Miss Alma Cockrell, reporter.

GREEN BAY, Wisc.—When we came to Green Bay last September there was a very small group and the new church house had just been built a year. We had several different special meetings, and the Lord was present. On April 12, two boys came here from the Minot Bible School, Brother Edgar Boyd and Brother Curtis Matheny. We all banded together and prayed and worked, inviting folks out. Thursday night was special youth night, and our 6 children got busy inviting their school chums. Before this the only young people were our children. On the second Thursday night, 16 of their friends came out to church. Some were Catholic (this city is 90 per cent

Catholic). We had 45 in attendance that night, and the next Thursday night we had 51. Brother Boyd and Brother Matheny did some good preaching and singing. During the first 2 weeks, 12 were saved. A family of 5 was saved. The last 2 weeks the tide changed, and 9 received the Holy Ghost. Sister Sande, of Crandon, Wisc., was with us for several nights, to help pray with seekers. Last Sunday 9 joined the church. Our Sunday School average was small before this 4 weeks' revival, but since then we have broken the record 3 Sundays in succession. We are grateful for the presence of God in our services and are marching forward for Him.—Mrs. J. J. Kisser.

VEEDERSBURG, Ind.—I praise the Lord for the great Church of God which Jesus has purchased with His own blood. I thank God for our beloved pastor, Rev. Perry Riley, and his wife, who have truly been a blessing to the church here at Veedersburg. Brother Riley has truly been a true and faithful shepherd to his flock. We have recently had a 5 weeks' revival, with Brother G. R. Morris as the evangelist. Many souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord has worked miracles in healing several people. We broke all Sunday School records in attendance, with 87 in Sunday School. We thank God for that and are looking forward for God to do greater things for the people here at Veedersburg.—Bertha Funk, Clerk.

OWL TOWN, Ga.—We have had a 12 nights' revival, with 3 saved and one sanctified. Four backsliders found peace with God. Sister Lillie Self did the preaching. Her husband and family and other good people of Suches,

Ga., helped with the music and singing.

Also, I should like to report victory and wonderful fellowship with the different churches and groups on Mother's Day. Brother Hughes, of McCaysville, Ga., preached at the eleven o'clock hour. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by about 200 people from as far away as Atlanta, Marietta, and Gainesville, Ga. People of North Carolina were present. After the dinner we had wonderful singing, a testimony meeting, and other good things. We closed the day with an old-time handshake.—Carrie Miller, Assistant Pastor.

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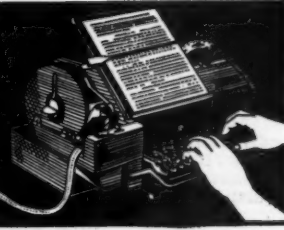
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REGIONAL CONVENTION SETS RECORD FOR MOBILE

MOBILE, Alabama (EP) "The largest convention of any kind ever to meet in Mobile, Alabama." That is how city leaders described the Southeast Regional Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God in the Fort Whiting Auditorium, April 28-30. The seven-state region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee) had a convention registration of 1,828. It is estimated that around 3,500 different people attended one or more of the sessions.

Paul Copeland, National Sunday School Director for the Assemblies of God, stated: "Our National Convention last year was the largest Sunday School convention in the world. The registration was 9,218. Now, in the five regional Sunday School conventions conducted since last February, we have reached some 22,000 different individuals. With our sixth and final convention of the 1953 series, in Minneapolis next month, we will have reached more than 25,000."

On the closing night of the convention an award was presented to the church bringing the largest delegation the greatest distance. Winner of the award was the Millville Assembly in Panama City, Florida (J. B. Davis, pastor). Sixty registered delegates were present from the Millville Assembly.

Among delegates attending the convention were Pastor and Mrs. Albert Skinn, of London, England.

REPORT CANCER MAY BE CAUSED BY SMOKING

HOUSTON, Texas (EP) An article by W. J. McGlasson, United Press Staff Correspondent, declares that two leading cancer specialists have added their voices to those who believe lung cancer may be a result of smoking today, and said, though statistics have not proven it, they have "run up the red alert." In fact, Dr. John R. McDonald, professor of pathology at the Mayo Foundation Graduate School in Rochester, Minn., said he had given up smoking himself "because, frankly, I became worried." Dr. David A. Wood, director of the cancer research institute at the University of California School of Medicine, said he was one of the few doctors in a medical group to which he belonged who still "had nerve enough" to smoke a few cigarettes at times.

Both of the specialists were here to participate in the annual symposium on cancer research sponsored by the M. D. Anderson Hospital for Cancer

Research. The symposium ended today. At today's session, Dr. R. H. Rigdon of the University of Texas medical branch, reported on statistics in the case of lung cancer and smoking. Like others in previous reports, Dr. Rigdon said there was no statistical proof that smoking causes lung cancer. He said there was not sufficient data available to reach an accurate conclusion.

Dr. Wood believed it was significant that in one study, more than 80 per cent of lung cancer patients reported they were smokers. Also significant, he said, is the fact that lung cancer is more prevalent among cigarette smokers than among cigar smokers, while cigar smokers have a much greater number of cancers within the mouth. Still, there has yet to be established the one factor that causes lung cancer, which has become the commonest form of cancer among men within the past few years.

Dr. McDonald, who was chairman of the final panel discussion on cytology here, said so far nothing had been found in the lungs of smokers that did not exist in the lungs of non-smokers, except for certain carbons known not to cause cancer. But he believed there is some matter, whatever, that exists in the smoker's lung in such minute quantity as to be undetectable yet cause all the trouble. The matter likely will be one of most urgent research for years, and Dr. Wood said it may be decades before sufficient data is compiled to prove, once and for all, whether smoking and lung cancer go together.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN

TULSA, Okla. (EP) Oral Roberts, well advertised and very successful evangelist who specializes in a divine healing ministry, announced recently, in his publication *Healing Waters*, a program to win a million souls to Christ in the next three years. Feeling that God has spoken to him, saying, "Oral Roberts, you are to win one million souls during the next 36 months," Roberts has gathered a group of businessmen and friends around him for the purpose of increasing the Robert's radio ministry from 200 stations to 500, and to present a television program over at least 50 stations. Circulation of *Healing Waters* is to be boosted from its present 154,000 to 500,000 subscribers. Roberts, holds ten major revival campaigns a year, generally in his huge circus tent, and claims the meetings are resulting in 40 to 50 thousand converts a year. He plans to enlarge his ministry by radio, television, and by

use of the printed page. "Once I was an echo of other preachers," Roberts declares. "An echo of my denomination. Now I am a voice crying in the wilderness to the captives. If other preachers want to sit and say, 'You come to me and I will preach to you,' that's their business. But I've got to go to the people with this message of deliverance. I cannot rest day or night unless I do it. God is letting us see His wonderful works upon the earth to inspire us that we too will obey his voice and set humanity free." Roberts further declares: "Enlargement and deliverance are coming. The day will come when the totally blind will be healed by the thousands. The day will come when we have miracles of the healing of the totally crippled on a large scale. The day will come when we will have mass miracles in an audience when perhaps an entire crowd will be healed in one second."

DISCOVER MORE BIBLICAL SCROLLS

PALESTINE (EP) Remains of some 70 Biblical scrolls, believed to be 2,000 or more years old, have been found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea. This discovery, made by Arab shepherds, was announced by Jordan's British-born Director of Antiquities, G. L. Harding, who called the find "perhaps the most sensational archaeological event of our time."

He said that 38 of the scrolls had been identified as manuscripts of 19 books of the Old Testament. They are in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, written on papyrus and leather. Mr. Harding predicted that Biblical scholars from all over the world would be kept busy "for the next generation, at least, pondering the translation and significance of the ancient documents."

FEAR CHILDREN SACRIFICED

ACCRA, West Africa (EP) In the Accra area of British West Africa, police were searching for witch doctors who reportedly kidnapped small children with the intention of sacrificing their hearts to a weird African god. The witch doctors were said to be hunting for twenty-five young hearts and twenty-five adult hearts as a sacrifice to the state god of Tema Township. Newspapers report the sacrifices are meant to placate the fearful god for the construction of a new harbor.

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REVIVALS

WINDSOR, Ont., Canada—The Lord has been good to us here. We have just closed a wonderful 2 weeks' revival with Sister Avo Brown and Sister Mildred Cole, of Detroit, Mich., as the evangelists. There was not a night that the Lord's presence was not felt. On some occasions the evangelist did not get a chance to speak. Sister Cole is a very good pianist and singer and they are both good speakers and on fire for God.

We are not very big in number but we have a fine pastor, Rev. D. A. Barsness, who is a good preacher. He is on fire for God and is looking for greater things from heaven. The Sunday School children love Sister Barsness, who is a good teacher and chorus leader and a help to her husband. I should like for all Christians to pray for our work here and that we may stay in God's will.—J. J. Windley, Clerk.

KERMIT, W. Va.—God is graciously blessing the Church of God here at Grey Eagle. We recently had a revival with Sister Maggie Messer as the evangelist. There were 4 saved, one sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Sister Messer is wholly consecrated to God and was a blessing to our church and community. We also thank God for our good pastor, Brother Chelsie Noel, and the way our church is progressing under his leadership.—I. J. Dearnell, Clerk.

SIDNEY, Ohio—We are happy to report a good revival, where the presence of God was manifested in a great way. Nine were saved, 4 sancti-

fied, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. Rev. Clyde Vermillion of Toledo, Ohio, was the evangelist. He was a great blessing to our church.—O. D. Gammon, Pastor.

GARRETT, Ky.—We have had a wonderful 4 weeks' youth revival, with Brother Sam Perry as our evangelist. Eternity alone will reveal the wonderful work done in this revival. Thirty were saved, 15 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church. We surely thank God for our wonderful young people. We are also happy to have Brother Sam Perry as a member of our local church.—Lois Ann Fugate, Clerk.

LAVONIA, Ga.—We have just closed a great youth revival with a goodly number of young people praying through to the Holy Ghost. Sister Wilkins, of Monroe, Ga., was our evangelist. The Holy Ghost took charge several nights, and Sister Wilkins did not get to preach. She is a wonderful preacher and singer.—Sarah Maret, Reporter.

EAST LAURINBURG, N. C.—We have just had one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Rev. Walter Barwick, of Jessup, Ga., was the evangelist. God's power was manifested night after night. Seventy-six were saved, 41 sanctified, and 16 filled with the Holy Ghost. On the Sunday evening following the revival, 22 saints followed in water baptism. Out of this number the church welcomes 12 new members.—Geraldine Hardy, Reporter.

CLOVER, S. C.—We have had a wonderful revival, in which 14 were saved, 11 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, and 12 added to the church. The revival was conducted by Rev. Foy Mercer, pastor of the Stanley, N. C., Church of God. Those blessed run in ages from 6 to 77 years.—W. M. Spurlock, Pastor.

WHITE

Mrs. Martha White died May 6, 1953, at the age of 59 years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God in Washington, Pa. She lived her testimony each day. She will be greatly missed by the church. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. A. Lynch.—Reporter.

STRINGER

Carrie Stringer, of Missouri, a minister of the Church of God, died April 27, 1953.

WILLIAMS

Ben F. Williams, a licensed minister of the Church of God, died March 16, 1953.

SMITH

Sister Cora Lee Smith, 60 years of age, passed away to be with Jesus, April 15, 1953. Sister Smith was born in Levy County, Florida, July 8, 1892.

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She was saved in 1933 and united with the Church of God the same year at Newberry, Fla. She later was transferred to the High Springs Church of God, where she remained a faithful member until her death. She is survived by her husband, J. D. Smith, of Alachua, 5 daughters, and 6 sons. Burial was at Newmansville Cemetery, at Alachua, where graveside services were held with Rev. D. I. Phillips in charge, assisted by Rev. Barney Andrews.—Reporter.

MORGAN

Mrs. Amanda Jane Morgan, age 53, went home to be with Jesus May 12, 1953. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Church of God at Hayesville, N. C. Sister Morgan had been confined to her bed for most of the past 12 years, but never did she lose her cheerful smile. She always made it a point to talk about her Lord to each of her visitors and have prayer before they left. Her influence on this church and community will never be lost. She is survived by her husband, Ray Morgan, one daughter, 5 sons, 3 grandchildren, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of friends and relatives. The funeral was conducted by the writer.—M. R. McCown, her pastor.

In Memoriam

PYEATTS

Pearl Pyeatts departed this life April 26, 1953, at the age of 57 years. She was a humble and loyal member of the Church of God, having united with it 19 years ago. Brother and Sister Pyeatts and their son, Wayne, who had just returned home from Korea, were on their way to Greenville, S. C., to visit another son when they had a car wreck which caused her death. Sister Pyeatts is missed by everyone. We all loved her so much. She is survived by her husband, Robert Pyeatts, one daughter, 4 sons, 5 sisters, and many friends. She is gone but not forgotten.—Mrs. Alice Hall, Lubbock, Texas.

COURT of PRAISE

NEW ORLEANS, La.—I thank God for healing my nerves. I also thank Him for healing me this past week of a touch of the flu. God is always ready to heal us if we only believe.—George Dyson.

CHARLESTON, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I praise Him for healing me about 3 weeks ago. I also praise Him for old-time salvation I can feel deep down in my soul.—Mrs. Julia Shannon.

DALLAS, Ga.—I praise the Lord that I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing and delivering me of demons of the mind.—Mrs. Ollie Mae Cantrell.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—I was almost helpless for 2 weeks because of arthritis all over my body. I suffered untold agonies. Brother C. M. Butler and Brother P. H. Hammond, our pastor, prayed for me, and the Lord wonderfully touched my body. I praise Him for it.—Mrs. J. W. McCullough.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Rev. Wm. F. Dych, who has served as Superintendent of our Orphanage in Sevierville, Tennessee, for a number of years, has turned in his resignation to the Executive Committee. Brother Dych has served the Church and Orphanage faithfully. Many are expressing regret to see him leave, among the businessmen of Sevierville, as well as in the Church. We pray God's blessings upon Brother Dych and family in whatever capacity they choose to serve the Church.

The Executive Committee has appointed Rev. R. R. Walker, state overseer of Kentucky, as Superintendent. Brother Walker has been closely connected with the Orphanage for many years, having served as chairman of the Orphanage Board for several years. He has served in our School and had years of preparation in super-

intending young people, which we feel qualifies him for this position.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, of Greenville, South Carolina, has been appointed to succeed R. R. Walker as overseer of Kentucky.

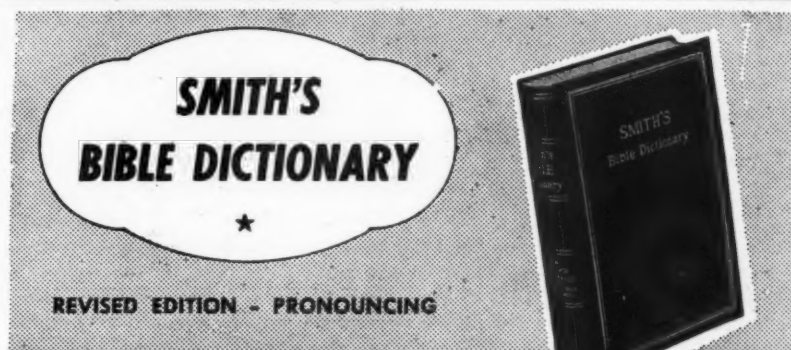
Rev. George D. Lemons, of North Belmont, North Carolina, has been appointed as state overseer of Virginia, to succeed T. W. Godwin who died suddenly May 22 of a heart attack.

Rev. J. Frank Spivey, of Cleveland, Tennessee, has been appointed as chairman of the Orphanage Board to succeed R. R. Walker.

Rev. C. B. Godsey, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been appointed as a member of the Orphanage Committee to succeed J. Frank Spivey who has been selected as Chairman.

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